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Summary

At its forty-eighth regular session, held from 3 to 12 February 2010, which was the policy year of a biennial cycle, the Commission for Social Development considered the priority theme "Social integration" and reviewed relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups.

As a result of the biennial consideration of the priority theme on "Social integration", the Commission adopted, for the first time in its history, a draft resolution entitled "Promoting social integration" and recommended it to the Economic and Social Council for adoption.

The Commission held two high-level panel discussions: one on the fifteenth anniversary of the World Summit for Social Development (Copenhagen, 1995), and the other on the priority theme "Social integration", taking into account the relationship with poverty eradication and full employment and decent work for all.

Under the agenda item entitled "Emerging issues", the Commission discussed policy responses on employment and the social consequences of the financial and economic crisis, including its gender dimension.

The Chair's summaries of the discussions on the commemoration of the fifteenth anniversary of the World Summit for Social Development, on the priority theme and on the emerging issues, can be accessed at: http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/csd/2010chairsummaries.html.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 63/153, entitled "Follow-up to the implementation of the International Year of Volunteers", the Commission heard a presentation by the Executive Coordinator of the United Nations Volunteers on volunteerism and social inclusion.

In connection with its review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups, the Commission heard a presentation by the newly appointed Special Rapporteur on disability.

The Commission adopted draft resolutions entitled "Mainstreaming disability in the development agenda", "Future implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2012", and "Social dimensions of the New Partnership for Africa's Development", and recommended to the Economic and Social Council their adoption.

In the draft resolution entitled "Future organization and methods of work of the Commission", the Commission decided that the priority theme for the 2011-2012 review and policy cycle would be "Poverty eradication", taking into account its relationship with social integration and full employment and decent work for all. In addition, it recommended that the officers elected to the Bureau of the Commission serve for a term of office of two years, in parallel with the review and policy cycle.

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Chapter I

Matters calling for action by the Economic and Social Council or brought to its attention

A. Draft resolutions for adoption by the Council

1. The Commission for Social Development recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

Draft resolution I
Future organization and methods of work of the Commission for Social Development*

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolutions 2005/11 of 21 July 2005 and 2006/18 of 26 July 2006 on the future organization and methods of work of the Commission for Social Development,

Recalling also its resolution 2008/19 of 24 July 2008, in which the Economic and Social Council noted the usefulness of identifying the theme for the 2011-2012 review and policy cycle during the forty-eighth session of the Commission,

1. *Takes note* of its decision in resolution 2008/19 to maintain the two-year review and policy cycle until its fiftieth session;

2. *Decides* that the priority theme for the 2011-2012 review and policy cycle should be poverty eradication, taking into account its relationship with social integration and full employment and decent work for all;

3. *Stresses* the importance of identifying relevant sub-themes within the priority theme to focus interventions and discussions, and of taking into account during each session of the Commission for Social Development cross-cutting issues;

4. *Notes* the usefulness of identifying the theme for the 2013-2014 review and policy cycle during the fiftieth session of the Commission;

5. *Recommends* that, in order to enhance the effectiveness of the work of the Commission, the officers elected to the Bureau of the Commission serve for a term of office of two years, in parallel with the review and policy cycle;

6. *Invites* all relevant stakeholders to continue to participate in the work of the Commission at an appropriately high level;

7. *Decides* that the Commission for Social Development should keep its methods of work under review.

* For the discussion, see chap. II, paras. 1-3.

Draft resolution II
Social dimensions of the New Partnership for Africa's Development*

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the outcomes of the World Summit for Social Development, held in Copenhagen from 6 to 12 March 1995,[1] and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly, entitled "World Summit for Social Development and beyond: achieving social development for all in a globalizing world", held in Geneva from 26 June to 1 July 2000,[2]

Reaffirming the United Nations Millennium Declaration of 8 September 2000,[3] the United Nations Declaration on the New Partnership for Africa's Development of 16 September 2002,[4] General Assembly resolution 57/7 of 4 November 2002 on the final review and appraisal of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s and support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development,[5]

Noting the conclusions of the African Union Extraordinary Summit on Employment and Poverty Alleviation in Africa, held in Ouagadougou on 8 and 9 September 2004,

Recognizing the commitments made in meeting the special needs of Africa at the 2005 World Summit[6] and contained in the political declaration adopted on 22 September 2008 at the high-level meeting held at United Nations Headquarters to address Africa's development needs,[7]

Remaining concerned that Africa is the only continent currently not on track to achieve any of the goals set out in the Millennium Declaration by 2015, and in this regard emphasizing that concerted efforts and continued support are required to fulfil the commitments to address the special needs of Africa,

Expressing deep concern that attainment of the social development objectives may be hindered by the economic and financial crisis, as well as challenges brought about by the food and energy crisis and by climate change,

Recognizing that capacity-building, knowledge-sharing and best practices are essential for the successful implementation of the New Partnership for Africa's Development, and recognizing also the need for continued support from the international community, New Partnership for Africa's Development partners and United Nations agencies,

Bearing in mind that African countries have primary responsibility for their own economic and social development, that the role of national policies and development strategies cannot be overemphasized and that their development efforts need to be supported by an enabling international economic environment, and in this

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* For the discussion, see chap. III, paras. 6-8.

[1] *Report of the World Summit for Social Development, Copenhagen, 6-12 March 1995* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.8), chap. I, resolution 1, annexes I and II.

[2] General Assembly resolution S-24/2, annex.

[3] See General Assembly resolution 55/2.

[4] See General Assembly resolution 57/2.

[5] A/57/304, annex.

[6] See General Assembly resolution 60/1.

[7] See General Assembly resolution 63/1.

regard recalling the support given by the International Conference on Financing for Development[8] to the New Partnership,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[9]

2. *Welcomes* the progress made by African countries in fulfilling their commitments in the implementation of the New Partnership for Africa's Development[5] to deepen democracy, human rights, good governance and sound economic management, and encourages African countries, with the participation of stakeholders, including civil society and the private sector, to intensify their efforts in this regard by developing and strengthening institutions for governance and creating an environment conducive to attracting foreign direct investment for the development of the region;

3. *Also welcomes* the progress that has been achieved in implementing the African Peer Review Mechanism, as reflected in particular by the number of countries that have signed up to participate in the Mechanism, the completion of the peer review process in some countries, the progress in implementing the recommendations of those reviews in some countries and the completion of the self-assessment process, the hosting of country support missions and the launching of the national preparatory process for the peer review in others, and urges African States that have not yet done so to join the peer review, as a matter of priority, and to strengthen the peer review process so as to ensure its efficient performance;

4. *Welcomes in particular* the organization of the first session of the African Union Conference of Ministers in Charge of Social Development, and recalls in this regard the African Common Position on Social Integration and the Social Policy Framework for Africa, which has been endorsed by Africa's Heads of State;

5. *Welcomes* the efforts made by African countries and regional and subregional organizations, including the African Union, to mainstream a gender perspective and the empowerment of women in the implementation of the New Partnership, including the implementation of the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa;

6. *Emphasizes* that the African Union and the regional economic communities have a critical role to play in the implementation of the New Partnership, and in this regard encourages African countries, with the assistance of their development partners, to increase and coordinate effectively their support for enhancing the capacities of these institutions and to promote regional cooperation and social and economic integration in Africa;

7. *Also emphasizes* that progress in the implementation of the New Partnership for Africa's Development depends also on a favourable national and international environment for Africa's growth and development, including measures to promote a policy environment conducive to private sector development and entrepreneurship;

8. *Further emphasizes* that democracy, respect for all human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the right to development, transparent and

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[8] See *Report of the International Conference on Financing for Development, Monterrey, Mexico, 18-22 March 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.02.II.A.7), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

[9] E/CN.5/2010/3.

accountable governance and administration in all sectors of society, and effective participation by civil society, including non-governmental and community-based organizations, and the private sector are among the indispensable foundations for the realization of social and people-centred sustainable development;

9. *Emphasizes* that the increasingly unacceptably high poverty levels and social exclusion faced by most African countries require a comprehensive approach to the development and implementation of social and economic policies, inter alia, to reduce poverty, promote economic activity, growth and sustainable development to ensure employment creation and decent work for all, promote education, health and social protection and to enhance social inclusion, political stability, democracy and good governance and the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms, so as to ensure the achievement of Africa's social and economic objectives;

10. *Recognizes* that, while social development is primarily the responsibility of Governments, international cooperation and assistance are essential for the full achievement of that goal;

11. *Also recognizes* the contribution made by Member States to the implementation of the New Partnership in the context of South-South cooperation, and encourages the international community, including the international financial institutions, to support the efforts of African countries, including through trilateral cooperation;

12. *Welcomes* the various important initiatives of Africa's development partners in recent years, and in this regard emphasizes the importance of coordination in such initiatives on Africa through ensuring the effective implementation of existing commitments, including through the African Union/New Partnership for Africa's Development African Action Plan 2010-2015;

13. *Recognizes* the regional coordination mechanism of United Nations agencies and organizations working in Africa in support of the African Union and its New Partnership for Africa's Development Programme of Action, which aims to ensure coordination and coherence in the delivery of support for greater effectiveness and impact through increased joint programming and joint implementation of activities;

14. *Urges* continuous support of measures to address the challenges of poverty eradication and sustainable development in Africa, with special emphasis on the Millennium Development Goals related to poverty and hunger, health, education, empowerment of women and gender equality, including, as appropriate, debt relief, improved market access, support for the private sector and entrepreneurship, enhanced official development assistance, increased foreign direct investment and transfer of technology on mutually agreed terms, empowerment of women in all aspects, including economic and political aspects, the promotion of social protection systems and the conclusion of the round of negotiations of the World Trade Organization;

15. *Recognizes* that the implementation of the commitments made by Governments during the First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty has fallen short of expectations, and welcomes the proclamation of the Second Decade (2008-2017) by the General Assembly in its resolution 62/205 of 19 December 2007 in order to support, in an efficient and coordinated manner, the

internationally agreed development goals related to poverty eradication, including the Millennium Development Goals;

16. *Encourages* all development partners to implement the principles of aid effectiveness, as recalled in the Doha Declaration on Financing for Development[10] adopted by the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus on 2 December 2008;

17. *Recognizes* the need for national Governments and the international community to make continued efforts to increase the flow of new and additional resources for financing for development from all sources, public and private, domestic and foreign, to support the development of African countries;

18. *Acknowledges* the activities of the Bretton Woods institutions and the African Development Bank in African countries, and invites those institutions to continue their support for the implementation of the priorities and objectives of the New Partnership;

19. *Encourages* Africa's development partners to continue to integrate the priorities, values and principles of the New Partnership into their development assistance programmes;

20. *Also encourages* African countries and their development partners to place people at the centre of Government development action and to secure more investment spending in health, education and social safety nets;

21. *Notes* the growing collaboration among the entities of the United Nations system in support of the New Partnership, and requests the Secretary-General to promote greater coherence in the work of the United Nations system in support of the New Partnership, on the basis of the agreed clusters;

22. *Emphasizes* the importance for the cluster working on communication, advocacy and outreach to continue to muster international support for the New Partnership and to urge the United Nations system to demonstrate more evidence of cross-sectoral synergies to promote a comprehensive approach regarding successive phases of planning and implementation of social development programmes in Africa;

23. *Invites* the Secretary-General, as a follow-up to the 2005 World Summit, to urge the organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to assist African countries in implementing quick-impact initiatives, based on their national development priorities and strategies, to enable them to achieve the Millennium Development Goals, and in this respect acknowledges commitments made by development partners;

24. *Encourages* the international community to support African countries in addressing the challenges of climate change by providing the financial and technological resources and capacity-building needed to support adaptation and mitigation action;

25. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to take measures to strengthen the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa, and requests the Office to collaborate with the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat

[10] General Assembly resolution 63/239, annex.

and to include the social dimensions of the New Partnership in its comprehensive reports to the General Assembly at its sixty-fifth session;

26. *Requests* the Commission for Social Development to discuss in its annual programme of work those regional programmes that promote social development so as to enable all regions to share experiences and best practices, with the agreement of concerned countries, and in this regard, work programmes of the Commission should include priority areas of the New Partnership, as appropriate;

27. *Decides* that the Commission for Social Development should continue to give prominence to and raise awareness of the social dimensions of the New Partnership during its forty-ninth session;

28. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report on the social dimensions of the New Partnership for Africa's Development, to be considered and discussed during the forty-ninth session of the Commission for Social Development under agenda item 3, in collaboration with the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa, while also taking into consideration General Assembly resolution 62/179 of 19 December 2007, entitled "New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support".

Draft resolution III
Promoting social integration*

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the outcomes of the World Summit for Social Development[11] and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly,[12]

Reaffirming that the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development and the Programme of Action and the further initiatives for social development adopted by the General Assembly[13] at its twenty-fourth special session,[14] and a continued global dialogue on social issues, constitute a basic framework for the promotion of social development for all at the national and international levels,

Recalling all resolutions pertaining to social development, including General Assembly resolution 64/135,

Reaffirming the central importance of poverty eradication and full and productive employment and decent work for all to social integration,

Recognizing that a people-centred approach must be at the centre of sustainable development to promote social integration and foster social harmony and social cohesion,

Recognizing also that poverty, which should be tackled in a holistic manner, as well as unemployment, and the lack of decent work opportunities, are key obstacles to social integration,

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* For the discussion, see chap. III, paras. 23-24.

[11] *Report of the World Summit for Social Development, Copenhagen, 6-12 March 1995* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.8), chap. I, resolution 1, annexes I and II.

[12] Resolution S-24/2, annex.

[13] *Report of the World Summit for Social Development, Copenhagen, 6-12 March 1995* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.8), chap. I, annexes I and II.

[14] General Assembly resolution 55/2.

Recognizing further that social inclusion is a means for achieving social integration and is crucial for fostering stable, safe, harmonious, peaceful and just societies and for improving social cohesion so as to create an environment for development and progress,

Recognizing that, in times of economic and financial crisis, social exclusion can be exacerbated; therefore policies and programmes aiming at enhancing social integration, in particular for those most severely affected, are critical,

Recognizing also that social protection is also an investment in people and in long-term social and economic development, in this regard appropriate social protection systems make a critical contribution to meeting the development goals directed towards poverty eradication and exerting a positive impact on economic growth, social cohesion and social development,

Recognizing further that the promotion of social and economic development remains the sovereign right and responsibility of each Member State, consistent with national laws and development priorities, with full respect for the various religious and ethnic values and cultural backgrounds of its people, and in conformity with all human rights and fundamental freedoms,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General;[15]

2. *Welcomes* the reaffirmation by Governments of their will and commitment to continue implementing the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development and the Programme of Action, in particular to eradicate poverty, promote full and productive employment and foster social integration to achieve stable, safe, peaceful, harmonious and just societies for all;

3. *Recognizes* that poverty eradication, full and productive employment and decent work for all and social integration are interrelated, and mutually reinforcing, and that an enabling environment therefore needs to be created so that all three objectives can be pursued simultaneously, and that policies to pursue these objectives must promote social justice, social cohesion, economic recovery and growth, and be economically and environmentally sustainable;

4. *Reaffirms* the importance of promoting social integration with the aim of achieving an inclusive society for all that is stable, safe, peaceful, harmonious and just and that is based on the promotion of and protection of all human rights, as well as non-discrimination, tolerance, respect for diversity, equality of opportunity, solidarity, security and participation of all people;

5. *Stresses* that the benefits of economic growth should be distributed more equitably, and that in order to close the gap of inequality and avoid any further deepening of inequality, comprehensive social policies and programmes, including appropriate social transfer programmes, job creation and social protection systems, are needed;

6. *Recognizes* that empowerment of the poor is essential for the effective eradication of poverty and hunger;

7. *Recognizes also* that the broad concept of social development affirmed by the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session

[15] E/CN.5/2010/2.

of the General Assembly has not been implemented adequately at the national and international levels and that, while poverty eradication is a central part of development policy and discourse, further attention should be given to the other commitments agreed to at the Summit, in particular those concerning employment and social integration, which have also suffered from a general disconnect between economic and social policymaking;

8. *Underlines* the importance of adopting a coherent approach to economic and social policy in order to ensure impact, accountability and transparency, and of enhancing coordination to promote the mainstreaming of social integration;

9. *Recognizes* that normative frameworks should be complemented by policy measures and effective enforcement to eliminate discrimination, including through relevant national legislation, stereotyping, cultural biases, abuse and violence so as to remove barriers to social integration;

10. *Expresses deep concern* that the world financial and economic crisis, the world food crisis and continuing food insecurity, the energy crisis and climate change, as well as the lack of results thus far in the multilateral trade negotiations and a loss of confidence in the international economic system, have negative implications for social development, in particular for the achievement of poverty eradication, full and productive employment and decent work for all, and social integration;

11. *Stresses* that, since the convening of the World Summit for Social Development in Copenhagen in 1995, advances have been made in addressing and promoting social integration, including through the adoption of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002,[16] the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond[17] and its Supplement,[18] the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities,[19] the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples,[20] and the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action,[21] and encourages Governments to ensure the full implementation of their obligations and commitments;

12. *Takes note with interest* of the adoption by the International Labour Conference on 10 June 2008 of the International Labour Organization Declaration on Social Justice for a Fair Globalization,[22] which acknowledges the particular role of the Organization in promoting a fair globalization and its responsibility to assist its members in their efforts, and the adoption of the International Labour Organization Global Jobs Pact[23] in June 2009; and in this regard, recognizes that the decent work agenda of the International Labour Organization, with its four strategic

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[16] *Report of the Second World Assembly on Ageing, Madrid, 8-12 April 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.02.IV.4), chap. I, resolution 1, annex I.

[17] Resolution 50/81, annex.

[18] Resolution 62/126, annex.

[19] Resolution 61/106, annex.

[20] Resolution 61/295, annex.

[21] *Report of the Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, 4-15 September 1995* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.13), chap. I, resolution 1, annexes I and II.

[22] A/63/538-E/2009/4, annex.

[23] Resolution adopted by the International Labour Conference on 19 June 2009 at its ninety-eighth session, entitled "Recovering from the crisis: a Global Jobs Pact".

objectives, has an important role to play in achieving the objective of full and productive employment and decent work for all;

13. *Recognizes* that sustainable social integration requires creating short and long-term policies that are comprehensive, consistent, coordinated and complementary, especially when addressing the needs of social groups;

14. *Recognizes* the need to implement comprehensive and coherent policies to create social inclusion programmes, bearing in mind that poverty is a form of exclusion that should be tackled in a holistic manner, and in this regard special attention should be devoted to addressing its multiple dimensions, including the feminization of poverty, leading to further social exclusion, and the intergenerational transmission of poverty and exclusion;

15. *Recognizes* that a people-centred framework for social development is critical to helping to build a culture of cooperation and partnership, and to responding to the global challenges and threats that hinder social integration, social harmony and social cohesion, in order to promote social development throughout the world;

16. *Recognizes also* that social integration policies should be based on respect for human dignity and all human rights and fundamental freedoms, and encourages Governments to implement their social integration policies at the national and local levels, in accordance with their international human rights obligations;

17. *Reaffirms* the importance of the effective participation of people in civic, social, economic and political activities as an essential part of promoting social integration, and in this regard encourages Governments to increase the participation of citizens and communities in the planning and implementation of social integration policies and strategies aimed at achieving poverty eradication, social integration and full employment and decent work;

18. *Recognizes* that there is an urgent need to eliminate physical and social barriers with the aim of creating a society accessible for all, with special emphasis on measures to meet the needs and interests of those who face obstacles in participating fully in society;

19. *Stresses* that policies and strategies designed to achieve poverty eradication, full employment and decent work for all should include specific measures to promote gender equality and empowerment of women and equal access to opportunities and social protection and foster social integration for social groups, such as youth, persons with disabilities and older persons, as well as migrants and indigenous peoples;

20. *Reaffirms* the commitment to the empowerment of women and gender equality, as well as mainstreaming of gender perspectives in all relevant policies and strategies, recognizing that these are critical for achieving sustainable development and for efforts to combat hunger, poverty and disease and to strengthen policies and programmes that improve, ensure and broaden the full participation of women in all spheres of political, economic, social and cultural life, as equal partners, and to improve their access to all resources needed for the full exercise of all their human rights and fundamental freedoms by removing persistent barriers, including ensuring

equal access to full and productive employment and decent work, as well as strengthening their economic independence;

21. *Recognizes* that the social integration of people living in poverty should encompass addressing and meeting their basic human needs, including nutrition, health, water, sanitation, housing and access to education and employment, through integrated development strategies, and reaffirms that the provision of basic social services in these areas should be seen as a means of fighting poverty, exclusion and promoting social integration;

22. *Recognizes also* that the new information technologies and new approaches to access to and use of technologies by people living in poverty can help in fulfilling social development goals; and therefore recognizes the need to facilitate access to such technologies;

23. *Reaffirms* that social integration policies should seek to reduce inequalities, promote access to education for all, employment, basic social services and health care, including nutrition, water, sanitation and housing, and to address the challenges posed by globalization and market-driven reforms to social development, in order for all people in all countries to benefit from globalization;

24. *Stresses* the importance of eradicating illiteracy and promoting for all equal access to and opportunities for quality education, skills development and quality training as essential means for participation and integration in society;

25. *Recognizes* the importance of providing effective social protection to achieve equity, equality, inclusion in society and in the labour market, social justice, including solidarity among generations, stability and cohesion of societies;

26. *Takes note* of the joint crisis initiatives launched by the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination in 2009 related to the promotion of employment and social protection which aim at advocating for and advising Member States on the provision of social protection floors, boosting full employment and decent work, and public spending in ways that will support the efforts of Member States to promote more inclusive and sustainable social and economic development;

27. *Urges* Governments, with the cooperation of relevant entities, to develop systems of social protection and to extend or broaden, as appropriate, their effectiveness and coverage, including for workers in the informal economy, recognizing the need for social protection systems to provide social security and support labour-market participation, and invites the International Labour Organization to strengthen its social protection strategies, including assistance to countries in building social protection floors and policies on extending social security coverage, and also urges Governments, while taking account of national circumstances, to focus on the needs of those living in, or vulnerable to, poverty and give particular consideration to universal access to basic social security systems;

28. *Encourages* Governments to continue developing socially inclusive policies and incorporating them into national development strategies, including poverty-reduction strategies, and to give due consideration to developing national evaluation frameworks for social development, including possible benchmarks and indicators to measure the social integration and well-being of the population;

29. *Reaffirms* that social development requires the active involvement of all actors in the development process, such as civil society organizations, including workers' and employers' organizations, as well as corporations and small and medium-sized businesses, and that partnerships among all relevant actors are increasingly becoming part of national and international cooperation for social development, and also reaffirms that, within countries, partnerships among the Government, civil society and the private sector can contribute effectively to the achievement of social development goals and, in this regard, stresses the importance of strong political leadership, adequate financing and technical support;

30. *Encourages* Governments to enable civil society institutions to participate on a consultative basis, in the formulation, implementation and evaluation of policies related to the social development of all social groups in order to take into account their needs;

31. *Stresses* the importance of a conducive international environment, in particular enhanced international cooperation, to support national efforts towards promoting social integration, including the fulfilment of all commitments on official development assistance, debt relief, market access, financial and technical support and capacity-building;

32. *Invites* Governments, relevant organizations of the United Nations system, regional organizations and development partners to exchange views and share information on good policies and practices for mainstreaming social inclusion into social and economic policies at the national, regional and international levels aimed at achieving equity, equality, social inclusion, protection and cohesion, and recognizes existing efforts in this regard;

33. *Encourages* Governments to participate fully in the discussions on social protection at the one hundredth session of the International Labour Conference in 2011, and at its preparatory meetings;

34. *Requests* the United Nations system to support national efforts to achieve social development, in particular, in fostering social integration at the local, national, subregional, regional and international levels, in a coherent, coordinated and results-based manner;

35. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report on the implementation of the present resolution to the Commission for Social Development at its forty-ninth session and to the General Assembly at its sixty-fifth session as part of the report under the agenda item entitled "Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly", and looks forward to the report of the Secretary-General that the General Assembly, in its resolution 64/135, requested be submitted to it at its sixty-fifth session, which should include information related to challenges to and prospects for full implementation by Member States of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly.

Draft resolution IV
Mainstreaming disability in the development agenda*

The Economic and Social Council,

Reaffirming that the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development and the Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development[24] and the further initiatives for social development adopted by the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth special session,[25] as well as a continued global dialogue on social development issues, constitute the basic framework for the promotion of social development for all at the national and international levels,

Noting that the entry into force of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities,[26] which is both a human rights treaty and a development tool, provides an opportunity to strengthen the policies related to and implementation of the Millennium Development Goals, thereby contributing to the realization of a society for all in the twenty-first century,

Recalling the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons,[27] the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities[28] and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, which recognize persons with disabilities as both development agents and beneficiaries in all aspects of development,

Recalling its previous resolutions concerning persons with disabilities and the relevant resolutions adopted by the General Assembly,

Acknowledging the fact that the majority of the 690 million persons with disabilities in the world live in conditions of poverty, and in this regard recognizing the critical need to address the negative impact of poverty on persons with disabilities,

Noting that persons with disabilities make up an estimated 10 per cent of the world's population, of whom 80 per cent live in developing countries, and recognizing the importance of international cooperation and its promotion in support of national efforts, in particular for developing countries,

Convinced that addressing the profound social, cultural and economic disadvantage experienced by many persons with disabilities, and that promoting the use of universal design as appropriate, as well as the progressive removal of barriers to their full and effective participation in all aspects of development and promoting their economic, social and cultural rights, will further the equalization of opportunities and contribute to the realization of a "society for all" in the twenty-first century,

Bearing in mind that the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities,[26] provides a comprehensive normative framework, as well as specific guidance, for mainstreaming disability,

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* For the discussion, see chap. III, paras. 31-32.

[24] *Report of the World Summit for Social Development, Copenhagen, 6-12 March 1995* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.8), chap. I, resolution 1, annexes I and II.

[25] General Assembly resolution S-24/2, annex.

[26] General Assembly resolution 61/106, annex I.

[27] General Assembly resolution 37/52.

[28] General Assembly resolution 48/96.

Underlining the importance of mobilizing resources at all levels for the successful implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, and recognizing the importance of international cooperation and its promotion in support of national efforts, in particular in developing countries,

Recognizing that the achievement of the mainstreaming of disability at all levels remains a major challenge, and therefore that further efforts are required to give practical meaning to the concept of mainstreaming and its realization in United Nations activities in the development agenda,

Welcoming the fact that, since the opening for signature on 30 March 2007 of the Convention and the Optional Protocol thereto,[29] one hundred and forty-nine States have signed and seventy-seven States have ratified the Convention and eighty-nine States have signed and fifty States have ratified the Optional Protocol, and one regional integration organization has signed the Convention,

Noting that, in the report of the Secretary-General, it is stated that information on and experience in the implementation of disability mainstreaming in the development agenda is limited, and acknowledging that international, regional, subregional and national efforts to mainstream disability in the development agenda is relatively new and ongoing and urges further progress in this regard,

Taking note of the progress made by the Inter-Agency Support Group for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the United Nations Development Group Task Team on Disability in mainstreaming disability in the development agenda, including in the work of the United Nations agencies, funds and programmes, and urging further progress towards mainstreaming disability into their development agenda,

Recognizing that the forthcoming high-level plenary meeting to review the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals in 2010 is an important opportunity for enhancing efforts to realize the Millennium Development Goals for all, including persons with disabilities,

Recognizing also that the annual ministerial review, which is to focus on implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to gender equality and the empowerment of women, provides an opportunity to highlight the situation of women and girls with disabilities,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on mainstreaming disability in the development agenda;[30]

2. *Calls upon* those States that have not yet done so to consider signing and ratifying the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities[26] and the Optional Protocol[29] thereto as a matter of priority;

3. *Calls upon* Member States to enable persons with disabilities to participate as agents and beneficiaries of development, in particular in all efforts aimed at achieving the Millennium Development Goals, by ensuring that programmes and policies, namely those aimed at eradicating extreme poverty and hunger, achieving universal primary education, promoting gender equality and the

[29] General Assembly resolution 61/106, annex II.
[30] E/CN.5/2010/6.

empowerment of women, reducing child mortality, improving maternal health, combating HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases, ensuring environmental sustainability and developing a global partnership for development, are inclusive and accessible to persons with disabilities;

4. *Encourages* international cooperation in the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals, including through global partnerships for development, which are crucial for the realization of the Goals for all, including persons with disabilities;

5. *Recognizes* the need to promote participation, consultation, inclusion and integration of persons with disabilities and their representative organizations in mainstreaming disability in the development agenda;

6. *Recognizes also* the need to promote accessibility to the physical, social, economic and cultural environment, to health and education and to information and communication, to the inclusion of persons with disabilities in all aspects of development, and of undertaking measures to make, inter alia, the environment and transport accessible to all persons with disabilities, and to provide accessible information and communications technologies;

7. *Urges* Member States:

(a) To mainstream disability, including the perspective of persons with disabilities, into the design, implementation and monitoring of national development policies, programmes and strategies, and in this regard calls upon the United Nations system to support, upon request, as appropriate, national and regional efforts and plans to develop methodologies and tools and to promote capacity-building and evaluation;

(b) To conduct reviews and assessments, analysing the extent to which disability is mainstreamed effectively in the development agenda, with a view to identifying best practices and eliminating gaps between policy and implementation;

(c) To conduct disability awareness-raising campaigns, education and training for all those involved in the development agenda, in order to promote the inclusion of persons with disabilities;

8. *Encourages* the United Nations system, including relevant agencies, funds and programmes, in accordance with their respective mandates:

(a) To share their best practices, information, tools and methodologies on the mainstreaming of disability in their activities, through appropriate means, and to review them periodically, in order to take a coherent and coordinated approach in disability issues within the United Nations operational framework;

(b) To conduct disability education and awareness-raising campaigns and to step up efforts to recruit persons with disabilities at all levels, including in field positions;

(c) To enhance their accountability, including at the highest levels of decision-making, in the work of mainstreaming disability in the development agenda, including in the assessment of the impact of development efforts on the situation of persons with disabilities;

9. *Encourages* all Member States, concerned intergovernmental organizations and international and regional organizations, civil society, in particular organizations of persons with disabilities, and the private sector, to engage in cooperative arrangements that aim at providing the necessary technical and expert assistance to enhance capacities in mainstreaming disability, including the perspective of persons with disabilities, in the development agenda, and in this regard, encourages the United Nations Secretariat and other relevant bodies to find improved ways to enhance international technical cooperation;

10. *Urges* Member States and relevant entities of the United Nations system, including agencies, funds and programmes, and invites international and regional organizations, including regional integration organizations, as appropriate, and financial institutions to take concrete measures to mainstream disability, including the perspective of persons with disabilities, and accessibility requirements, into development cooperation and development finance activities;

11. *Stresses* the need to enhance accountability in the work of mainstreaming disability into the development agenda, including in the assessment of the impact of development efforts on the situation of persons with disabilities;

12. *Welcomes* the appointment of a new Special Rapporteur on disability of the Commission for Social Development for the period 2009-2011;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a report on the implementation of the present resolution, including on the coordination of the United Nations for mainstreaming disabilities into all their policies and activities, for submission to the Commission for Social Development at its fiftieth session.

Draft resolution V
Future implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002*

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling that, in the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002,[31] adopted by the Second World Assembly on Ageing, held in Madrid from 8 to 12 April 2002, the systematic review of its implementation by Member States was requested as being essential for its success in improving the quality of life of older persons,

Recalling also that the Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 2003/14 of 21 July 2003, invited Governments, the United Nations system and civil society to participate in a bottom-up approach to the review and appraisal of the Madrid Plan of Action,

Bearing in mind that in its resolution 42/1 of 13 February 2004, it decided to undertake the review and appraisal of the Madrid Plan of Action every five years,

Recognizing the need to incorporate a gender perspective in all measures concerning older persons,

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* For the discussion, see chap. III, paras. 33-34.

[31] *Report of the Second World Assembly on Ageing, Madrid, 8-12 April 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.02.IV.4), chap. I, resolution 1, annex II.

Taking note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on the further implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing,[52] which was based on the results of the first review and appraisal of the Madrid Plan of Action,

1. *Calls upon* Member States to continue to participate effectively in the implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002, through, inter alia, national strategies and policies, improving data collection and sharing ideas, information and good practices, bearing in mind the report of the Secretary-General containing the strategic framework for future implementation of the Madrid Plan of Action;[53]

2. *Encourages* Member States to continue their efforts to mainstream ageing into their policy agendas, bearing in mind the crucial importance of family, intergenerational interdependence, solidarity and reciprocity for social development and the realization of all human rights for older persons, and to prevent age discrimination and to provide social integration;

3. *Urges* Member States to consider including in their national strategies, inter alia, policy implementation approaches, such as empowerment and participation, gender equality, awareness-raising and capacity development, and such essential policy implementation tools as evidence-based policymaking, mainstreaming, participatory approaches and indicators;

4. *Calls upon* Member States to adopt appropriate measures, including, if necessary, legislative measures to promote and protect the rights of older persons and measures aimed at providing economic and social security and health care, while mainstreaming a gender perspective, full participation of older persons in the decision-making process affecting their lives, and ageing with dignity;

5. *Also calls upon* Member States to take concrete measures to further protect and assist older persons in emergency situations, in accordance with the Madrid Plan of Action;

6. *Encourages* Member States to promote the development of regional and subregional networks of experts and practitioners from Governments, non-governmental organizations, academia and the private sector in order to increase the potential for policy action on ageing;

7. *Invites* Member States to continue reviewing their national capacity for policy development concerning older persons and demographic ageing, with a view to implementing appropriate measures to enhance their national capacity in this area of policy development, as necessary;

8. *Recommends* that Member States strengthen their networks of national focal points on ageing, work with the regional commissions to exchange information on best practices and undertake a range of awareness-raising activities, including enlisting the assistance of the Department of Public Information of the United Nations Secretariat to expand media coverage on ageing issues;

9. *Invites* Member States and all other major national and international stakeholders to continue their cooperation with the Department of Economic and

[52] E/CN.5/2010/4.
[53] E/CN.5/2009/5.

Social Affairs, as the United Nations global focal point on ageing, in further implementing the Madrid Plan of Action;

10. *Encourages* Member States to consider how best the international framework of norms and standards can ensure the full enjoyment of the rights of older persons, including, as appropriate, the possibility of instituting new policies, instruments or measures to further improve the situation of older persons;

11. *Recognizes* the important role of various international and regional organizations that deal with training, capacity-building, policy design and monitoring at the national and regional levels, in promoting and facilitating the implementation of the Madrid Plan of Action;

12. *Acknowledges* the essential contributions of the United Nations regional commissions to the implementation, review and appraisal of the Madrid Plan of Action, including the organization of regional review and appraisal meetings and the preparation of their outcome documents, and calls upon the Secretary-General to strengthen the work of the United Nations regional commissions, including their focal points on ageing, to enable them to continue their regional implementation activities;

13. *Encourages* the international community, including international and bilateral donors, to enhance international cooperation, in keeping with internationally agreed goals, to support national efforts to eradicate poverty in order to ensure sustainable social and economic support for older persons, including by strengthening their national capacity in the area of policy development and implementation, with regard to older persons, while bearing in mind that countries have the primary responsibility for their own economic and social development;

14. *Encourages* the international community and the relevant organizations of the United Nations system, within their respective mandates, to support national and regional efforts, to provide funding for research and data-collection initiatives on ageing in order that the challenges and opportunities presented by population ageing may be better understood and to provide policymakers with more accurate and specific information on ageing and gender, such as for policy planning, monitoring and evaluation;

15. *Decides* that the procedure for the second review and appraisal of the Madrid Plan of Action will follow the set procedure of the first review and appraisal exercise and shall include preparatory activities at the national and regional levels, including those conducted by the regional commissions, to conclude in 2012;

16. *Decides* to conduct the second global review and appraisal of the Madrid Plan of Action in 2013 at the fifty-first session of the Commission for Social Development;

17. *Endorses* the theme "Full implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing: social situation, well-being and dignity, development and the full realization of all human rights for older persons" for the second review and appraisal exercise, and encourages Member States to work on awareness-raising on this theme;

18. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the Commission for Social Development at its forty-ninth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution.

B. Draft decision for adoption by the Council

2. The Commission for Social Development recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decision:

Report of the Commission for Social Development on its forty-eighth session and provisional agenda and documentation for the forty-ninth session

The Economic and Social Council:

(a) Takes note of the report of the Commission for Social Development on its forty-eighth session;[34]

(b) Approves the provisional agenda and documentation for the forty-ninth session of the Commission as set out below:

Provisional agenda and documentation for the forty-ninth session of the Commission for Social Development

1. Election of officers.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

3. Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly:

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the social dimensions of the New Partnership for Africa's development

Report of the Secretary-General on promoting social integration

(a) Priority theme: Poverty eradication;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on poverty eradication

(b) Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups:

(i) World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons;

(ii) World Programme of Action for Youth;

(iii) Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002;

(iv) Family issues, policies and programmes;

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on follow-up to the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family and beyond

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth

[34] *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2010, Supplement No. 6* (E/2010/26).

Report of the Secretary-General on the strategic implementation framework for the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002

Note by the Secretary-General on the monitoring of the implementation of the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities

(c) Emerging issues (*to be determined*).

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General on the emerging issues

4. Programme questions and other matters:

(a) Proposed programme of work for the biennium 2012-2013;

(b) United Nations Research Institute for Social Development.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General on the nomination of members of the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development

Note by the Secretariat on the draft programme of work of the Division for Social Policy and Development for the biennium 2012-2013

5. Provisional agenda for the fiftieth session of the Commission.

6. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its forty-ninth session.

Chapter II

Organizational matters: further review of the methods of work of the Commission

Future organization and methods of work of the Commission for Social Development

3. The Commission considered the review of its methods of work, under agenda item 2, at its 2nd and 11th meetings, on 3 and 12 February 2010.

Action taken by the Commission

4. At the 11th meeting, on 12 February, the Vice-Chair, Christian Sieber (Switzerland), made a statement in which he brought to the attention of the Commission a draft resolution entitled "Future organization and methods of work of the Commission for Social Development" (E/CN.5/2010/L.5) submitted by him on the basis of informal consultations.

5. Also at its 11th meeting, the Commission adopted draft resolution E/CN.5/2010/L.5, as orally revised, and recommended it to the Economic and Social Council for its adoption (see chap. I, sect. A, draft resolution I).

Chapter III

Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly

6. The Commission considered agenda item 3 at its 2nd to 12th meetings, from 3 to 12 and on 19 February 2010. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on promoting social integration (E/CN.5/2010/2);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the social dimensions of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (E/CN.5/2010/3);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on the further implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002 (E/CN.5/2010/4);

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on mainstreaming disability in the development agenda (E/CN.5/2010/6);

(e) Note by the Secretariat on policy responses on employment and the social consequences of the financial and economic crisis, including its gender dimension (E/CN.5/2010/8);

(f) Statements submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (E/CN.5/2010/NGO/1-22).

7. At the 2nd meeting, on 3 February, the Chair of the Commission opened the regular session and made a statement.

8. At the same meeting, the President of the Economic and Social Council and the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs addressed the Commission.

9. Also at the same meeting, the Acting Director of the Division for Social Policy and Development introduced documents under agenda item 3 as a whole.

10. At the 2nd meeting, the Chair of the NGO Committee for Social Development made a statement on the outcome of the Civil Society Forum held on 2 February 2009.

Action taken by the Commission under agenda item 3 as a whole

Social dimensions of the New Partnership for Africa's Development

11. At the 12th meeting, on 19 February, the representative of Yemen (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), introduced a draft resolution entitled "Social dimensions of the New Partnership for Africa's Development" (E/CN.5/2010/L.4/Rev.1) and orally revised the text by adding the word "further" at the beginning of operative paragraph 26.

12. Subsequently, Albania, Andorra, Austria,[35] Cyprus,[35] France, Germany, Italy, Finland,[35] Greece,[35] Luxembourg,[35] Portugal,[35] Romania,[35] Slovenia,[35] Sweden and Turkey joined in sponsoring the draft resolution, as orally revised.

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[35] In accordance with rule 69 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council.

13. At its 12th meeting, the Commission adopted draft resolution E/CN.5/2010/L.4/Rev.1, as orally revised, and recommended it to the Economic and Social Council for its adoption (see chap. I, sect. A, draft resolution II).

A. Priority theme: Social integration

14. The Commission considered agenda item 3 (a) at its 2nd to 7th and 12th meetings, from 3 to 5 February and on 19 February 2010.

15. At the 2nd meeting, on 3 February, statements were made by the representatives of Spain (on behalf of the European Union), Argentina (on behalf of MERCOSUR), Senegal, Mexico (on behalf of the Rio Group), Ghana, the Sudan, the Russian Federation and the United States of America.

16. At the same meeting, statements were made by the observers for Yemen (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), and Viet Nam.

17. At its 5th meeting, on 4 February, the Commission heard a presentation by the Executive Coordinator of the United Nations Volunteers programme.

18. At the same meeting, the Commission continued its general discussion of item 3 (a) on the priority theme and heard statements by the representatives of Cameroon, Guatemala, Argentina, the Philippines, Brazil, China, Italy, Switzerland, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Andorra, the United Arab Emirates, Lesotho and Nepal.

19. Also at the same meeting, statements were made by the observers for Israel, Finland, Australia, Morocco, South Africa, Botswana and Indonesia and by the observer for the Holy See.

20. At the 6th meeting, on 5 February, statements were made by the representatives of Armenia, Cuba, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) and Egypt.

21. At the same meeting, statements were made by the observers for Colombia, Nicaragua, Croatia, Algeria, Zambia, Belgium, Kenya, Swaziland, Malta, Bangladesh and Peru.

22. At its 7th meeting, on 5 February, the Commission continued its general discussion of item 3 (a) and heard statements by the representatives of India, El Salvador and Pakistan.

23. At the same meeting, statements were made by the observers for Malawi, the Syrian Arab Republic, Romania, Tunisia and the United Republic of Tanzania.

24. Also at the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the International Labour Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the International Organization for Migration, the United Nations Population Fund and the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, as well as by the representatives of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia and the Economic Commission for Africa.

25. At the 7th meeting, statements were made by the observers of the following non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council: Bahá'í Community; Triglav Circle; International Federation on Ageing;

HelpAge International; Citizens United for Rehabilitation of Errants; and International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse, Inc. (INPEA).

Panel discussion and presentation to commemorate the fifteenth anniversary of the World Summit for Social Development

26. At its 3rd meeting, on 3 February, the Commission held a panel discussion to commemorate the fifteenth anniversary of the World Summit for Social Development held in Copenhagen in 1995 and heard a presentation by the keynote speaker, Jimi Adesina, Professor of Sociology, Rhodes University, South Africa, followed by presentations by the following panellists: Rudolph Hundstorfer, Minister of Labour, Social Activities and Consumer Protection, Austria; Enrique Deibe, Secretary of Employment, Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security, Argentina; and Chua Hoi Wai, Business Director of Hong Kong Council of Social Services, Hong Kong, China. The Commission then engaged in an interactive dialogue with the panellists in which the representatives of Spain (on behalf of the European Union), China, Mexico, as well as the observers for the Syrian Arab Republic and Indonesia, participated. The representative of the International Council on Social Welfare made a statement on behalf of the NGO Committee for Social Development. The Chair's summary of the panel discussion can be accessed at http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/csd/2010chairsummaries.htm.

Panel discussion and presentation under the priority theme

27. At its 4th meeting, on 4 February, the Commission held a panel discussion on the priority theme "Social integration" and heard a presentation by Beatriz Merino, President of the Iberoamerican Federation of Ombudsman and the National Ombudsman of Peru, followed by presentations by Jan Piet Hein Donner, Minister of Social Affairs and Employment of the Netherlands; Servacius Likwelile, Chief Executive Director of the Tanzania Social Action Fund, Office of the President of the United Republic of Tanzania; and Vojtech Tkáč, Adviser to the Minister of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of Slovakia. The Commission then engaged in an interactive dialogue with the panellists, in which the representatives of Spain (on behalf of the European Union), the Philippines, Mexico and Guatemala, and the observer for Australia, participated. The Chair's summary of the panel discussion can be accessed at http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/csd/2010chairsummaries.htm.

Action taken by the Commission on agenda item 3 (a)

Priority theme: Social integration

28. At the 11th meeting, on 12 February, Joyce Kafanabo (United Republic of Tanzania), the facilitator of the draft resolution on the priority theme on behalf of the Chair, made a statement in which she brought to the attention of the Commission a draft resolution entitled "Promoting social integration", circulated in an informal paper.

29. At the same meeting, following a statement by the representative of Guatemala, the Commission adopted the draft resolution and recommended it to the Economic and Social Council for its adoption (see chap. I, sect. A, draft resolution III).

30. After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of Yemen (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

B. Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups

31. At its 7th meeting, on 5 February, the Commission began its general discussion of agenda item 3 (b) and heard statements by the representatives of Spain (on behalf of the European Union), Argentina (on behalf of MERCOSUR) and Ghana.

32. At its 8th meeting, on 8 February, the Commission heard statements by the representatives of Argentina, Mexico, the Russian Federation, China, Italy, Japan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Republic of Korea, Qatar and Jamaica.

33. At the same meeting, statements were made by the observers for Chile, Denmark and the United Republic of Tanzania.

34. Also at the same meeting, a statement was made by the representative of ILO.

35. At the 8th meeting, statements were made by the observers of the following non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council: Greek Orthodox Archdiocese and Council; INPEA; and World Youth Alliance.

Action taken by the Commission on agenda item 3 (b)

Mainstreaming disability in the development agenda

36. At the 11th meeting, on 12 February, the Vice-Chair, Shoko Fujimoto (Japan), made a statement, in which she brought to the attention of the Commission a draft resolution entitled "Mainstreaming disability in the development agenda" (E/CN.5/2010/L.3), submitted by her on the basis of informal consultations, and orally revised the text, which was circulated in an informal paper.

37. Also at its 11th meeting, the Commission adopted draft resolution E/CN.5/2010/L.3, as orally revised, and recommended it to the Economic and Social Council for its adoption (see chap. I, sect. A, draft resolution IV).

Future implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002

38. At the 11th meeting, on 12 February, the Vice-Chair, Miloslav Hetteš (Slovakia), made a statement in which he brought to the attention of the Commission a draft resolution entitled "Future implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002" (E/CN.5/2010/L.6), submitted by him on the basis of informal consultations, and orally revised the text, which was circulated in an informal paper.

39. Also at its 11th meeting, the Commission adopted draft resolution E/CN.5/2010/L.6, as orally revised, and recommended it to the Economic and Social Council for its adoption (see chap. I, sect. A, draft resolution V).

C. Emerging issues: "Policy responses on employment and the social consequences of the financial and economic crisis, including its gender dimension"

40. At the 9th meeting, on 8 February, the Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, made a presentation.

41. At the same meeting, the Commission began its general discussion of agenda item 3 (c) and heard statements by the representatives of Spain (on behalf of the European Union), the Russian Federation, Italy, Switzerland, China, the Republic of Korea, Slovakia and Cuba.

42. Also at the same meeting, statements were made by the observers for the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Australia.

43. At the 9th meeting, statements were made by the representatives of ILO, FAO, and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

44. At the same meeting, a statement was made by the representative of the International Trade Union Confederation, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council.

Chapter IV
Programme questions and other matters

Proposed strategic framework for the period 2012-2013

45. At the 10th meeting, on 11 February, the Acting Director of the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs made an introductory statement under agenda item 4, in which the Commission's attention was brought to the proposed strategic framework for the period 2012-2013, subprogramme 3, Social policy and development, of programme 7, Economic and social affairs, circulated in an informal paper E/CN.5/2010/CRP.1.

Chapter V

Provisional agenda for the forty-ninth session of the Commission

46. The Commission considered item 5 of its agenda at its 12th meeting, on 19 February 2010. It had before it the provisional agenda and documentation for the forty-ninth session of the Commission, as contained in document E/CN.5/2010/L.2.

47. At the same meeting, following a statement by the Secretary, the Commission adopted the provisional agenda and documentation for its forty-ninth session, as orally corrected (see chap. I, sect. B, draft decision).

Chapter VI

Adoption of the report of the Commission on its forty-eighth session

48. At the 12th meeting, on 19 February, Connie Taracena Secaira (Guatemala), Vice-Chair and Rapporteur of the Commission, introduced the draft report of the Commission on its forty-eighth session (E/CN.5/2010/L.1).

49. At the same meeting, the Commission adopted the draft report and entrusted the Rapporteur with its completion.

Chapter VII
Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

50. The Commission for Social Development held its forty-eighth session at United Nations Headquarters on 13 February 2009 and from 3 to 12 February and on 19 February 2010. The Commission held 12 meetings (1st to 12th).

B. Attendance

51. The session was attended by representatives of 45 States members of the Commission. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations and for non-member States, representatives of organizations of the United Nations system, and observers for intergovernmental, non-governmental and other organizations also attended. The list of delegations is contained in document E/CN.5/2010/INF/1.

C. Election of officers

52. In its decision 2002/210, the Economic and Social Council decided that, immediately following the closure of a regular session, the Commission would hold the first meeting of its subsequent regular session for the sole purpose of electing the new Chair and other members of the Bureau. At the 1st meeting of its forty-eighth session, held on 13 February 2009, and at its 2nd meeting, on 3 February 2010, in pursuance of that decision, the Commission elected the following officers by acclamation:

Chair:

Leslie **Kojo Christian** (Ghana)

Vice-Chairs:

Connie Taracena **Secaira** (Guatemala)
Shoko **Fujimoto** (Japan)
Miloslav **Hetteš** (Slovakia)
Christian **Sieber** (Switzerland)

53. At its 2nd meeting, on 3 February, the Commission designated Connie Taracena Secaira, Vice-Chair of the Commission, Rapporteur for the session.

D. Agenda and organization of work

54. At its 2nd meeting, on 3 February, the Commission adopted the provisional agenda contained in document E/CN.5/2010/1. The agenda read as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly:
   (a) Priority theme: Social integration;

(b) Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups:

(i) World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons;

(ii) World Programme of Action for Youth;

(iii) Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002;

(iv) Family issues, policies and programmes;

(c) Emerging issues: "Policy responses on employment and the social consequences of the financial and economic crisis, including its gender dimension".

4. Programme questions and other matters.

5. Provisional agenda for the forty-ninth session of the Commission.

6. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its forty-eighth session.

55. At the same meeting, following an oral correction made by the Secretary, the Commission approved its provisional agenda for the session together with the organization of work, as contained in annex I to document E/CN.5/2010/1, as orally corrected.

56. At the same meeting, the Commission agreed that the Chair would prepare summaries of the two panel discussions to be held during the session, and that the Chair's summary of the discussion of the emerging issues, under item 3 (c) (Policy responses on employment and the social consequences of the financial and economic crisis, including its gender dimension), would be transmitted to the President of the Economic and Social Council as an input to the 2010 Annual Ministerial Review and Development Cooperation Forum.

E. Documentation

57. The list of documents before the Commission at its forty-eighth session is contained in the annex to the present report.

Annex

List of documents before the Commission for Social Development at its forty-eighth session

Symbol	*Agenda item*	*Title*
E/CN.5/2010/1	2	Provisional annotated agenda and proposed organization of work
E/CN.5/2010/2	3 (a)	Report of the Secretary-General on promoting social integration
E/CN.5/2010/3	3	Report of the Secretary-General on social dimensions of the New Partnership for Africa's Development
E/CN.5/2010/4	3 (b)	Report of the Secretary-General on further implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002
E/CN.5/2010/6	3 (b)	Report of the Secretary-General on mainstreaming disability in the development agenda
E/CN.5/2010/8	3 (c)	Note by the Secretariat on policy responses on employment and the social consequences of the financial and economic crisis, including its gender dimension
E/CN.5/2010/L.1	6	Draft report of the Commission on its forty-eighth session
E/CN.5/2010/L.2	5	Provisional agenda and documentation for the forty-ninth session of the Commission for Social Development
E/CN.5/2010/L.3/Rev.1	3 (b)	Draft resolution entitled "Mainstreaming disability in the development agenda"
E/CN.5/2010/L.4/Rev.1	3	Draft resolution entitled "Social dimensions of the New Partnership for Africa's Development"
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